

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 and 13-20 are pending in the application. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-8, 13, 15 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Harris et al. (U.S. Patent 6,009,336) in view of Hull et al. (U.S. Patent 5,806,005). The Examiner has rejected Claims 9-11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Harris et al. in view of Hull et al., and further in view of Oiwa (JP 06233295A). The Examiner has rejected Claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Harris et al. in view of Hull et al., and further in view of Gerszberg et al. (U.S. Patent 6,044,403). The Examiner has rejected Claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Harris et al. in view of Hull et al. and Sugiyama et al. (U.S. Patent 5,696,315). The Examiner has rejected Claims 17-19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Harris et al. in view of Oiwa.

In general, independent Claims 1, 16, 17 and 20 of the present application recite that the contents of downloading a still image from a PC, and then displaying only characters on a LCD or displaying a downloaded still image as a background (i.e., displaying an intended character at a specific position of a current displayed still image on the LCD) on the LCD. In other words, the present invention does not relate to merely displaying a still image downloaded from a PC on a LCD, but rather relates to coupling the still image downloaded from a PC with an intended character to display the still image as a background upon displaying the character. The references cited by the Examiner do not teach or disclose downloading a still image from a PC for use as a background. Based on at least the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejections of the claims is respectfully requested.

In addition, Claim 1 has been amended to more clearly recite the argument presented above. Based on at least the amendments to Claim 1, withdrawal of the rejections of Claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Independent Claims 1, 16, 17 and 20 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2-11, 13-15, 18 and 19, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their respective amended independent claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of dependent Claims 2-11, 13-15, 18 and 19 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-11 and 13-20, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or

personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

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